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TO AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: LABOR ATTACHE CONFERENCE IN TUNIS APRIL 22-26

FOR AMBASSADOR FROM EASUM

1. A MONTH AGO I WAS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE LABOR/ STATE LABOR ATTACHE CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN TUNIS BEGINNING APRIL 22 FOR LABOR AND ECONOMIC OFFICERS FROM AFRICA AND EUR. I WAS TO PRESENT A BRIEFING OF US FOREIGN POLICY PROBLEMS AND OBJECTIVES IN AFRICA, SHARING THE FIRST MORNING'S AGENDA WITH EUR ASSISTANT SECRETARY WHO WOULD PRESENT SIMILAR BRIEFING ON EUR. WHEREAS HARTMAN AND I HAD BOTH ORIGINALLY HOPED TO ATTEND, UNGA AND OTHER COMMITMENTS HAVE NOW INTERVENED TO PREVENT ANY SIXTH FLOOR DEPARTMENTAL REPRESENTATION. AMBASSADOR HILLENBRAND WILL REPRESENT EUR. AF WOULD REJOICE IF YOU COULD JOIN TALCOTT SEELYE AS OUR KEYNOTERS. I HAVE TELEPHONED TALCOTT WHO WOULD WELCOME YOUR COLLABORATION.

2. SOME 70 PARTICIPANTS ARE EXPECTED, INCLUDING 20 ECONOMIC AND LABOR OFFICERS FROM AFRICAN POSTS. LABOR IS FUNDING THE CONFERENCE WITH EXCESS CURRENCY AND PAYING FOR TRAVEL AND PER DIEM.

3. I WELL REALIZE THAT YOU MAY NOT YET HAVE PRESENTED YOUR CREDENTIALS AND THAT YOU HAVE AT ANY RATE A FULL SCHEDULE OF IVORY COAST PRIORITIES BEFORE YOU. YOU MAY NOT BELIEVE

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YOU CAN APPROPRIATELY TAKE ON THIS ASSIGNMENT. IN THAT
EVENT, PLEASE SAY SO. WE WILL COVER OUR PROBLEM IN SOME
OTHER WAY. ON THE OTHER HAND IF YOU THOUGHT YOU COULD
SPARE THE TIME, I WOULD SEND THE LAST TWO MAJOR FOREIGN
POLICY PRESENTATIONS MADE BY BUREAU PERSONNEL FOR YOU TO
DRAW UPON FOR YOUR BRIEFING. IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF YOU
COULD STAY ON FOR THE SECOND DAY OF THE CONFERENCE AS
WELL IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN JOINT AF/EUR SESSIONS
ON TRADE AND MONETARY MATTERS. KISSINGER

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